

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
28.	Daman & Diu	14.65	14.65	6.76	6.74	0.41	0
29.	Lakshadweep	22.97	22.97	10.58	0.00	0.00	0
30.	Pondicherry	44.84	44.84	20.66	2.32	0.72	0.16
Total		95436.72	104961.74	55907.39	63974.19	77618.41	53828.85

**Note :** In case Punjab and Lakshadweep funds diverted to JRY/IAY.

#### Light Rail Transit System

2768. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Karnataka Government had requested to hike the equity participation of atleast Rs. 500 crores in the Elevated Light Rail Transit System in Bangalore; and

(b) if so, the action or proposed to be taken by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) The Government of Karnataka have requested the Government of India for equity participation to the tune of about Rs. 500 crores for the Elevated Light Rail Transit System (ELRTS) in Bangalore.

(b) At present, the Government of Karnataka is preparing the Detailed Project Report and Economic and Financial Analysis for the project. The Government of Karnataka have been requested to expendite the completion of these Reports to enable the Government of India to take appropriate action with regard to the participation in the equity of the ELRTS project in Bangalore.

[Translation]

#### Utilisation of Barren Land

2769. SHRI PAWAN DIWAN : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of barren land utilised and brought under cultivation after the constitution of Barren Land Development Department in July, 1992;

(b) the present position of projects started under Integrated Barren Land Development Project in Watersheds of maximum non-forest barren land; and

(c) the future schemes and programmes of the Government for the development of barren land?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b) In the Department of Wastelands Development, under the

scheme "Integrated Wastelands Development Project" the projects for treatment of non-forest wastelands are sanctioned. The mandate of the Wastelands Development Department is development of wastelands in non-forest areas aimed at checking land degradation, putting such wastelands in the country to sustainable use for increasing bio-mass availability specially fuel-wood and fodder and not really to bring them under cultivation. Since creation of the Department in July, 1992, a total number of 146 projects have been sanctioned under IWDP scheme at a total outlay of Rs. 38357.01 lakhs for a period ranging from 4 to 5 years.

(c) Besides the scheme of Integrated Wastelands Development Projects, the Department has got the following other schemes for development of wastelands for enlisting people's participation and harnessing Science and Technology for planning and implementation of wastelands Development. These schemes are :

1. Support to NGOs/Voluntary Agencies.
2. Technology Development, Extension and Training Scheme.
3. Investment Promotional Scheme
4. Wastelands Development Task Force

These schemes are likely to continue.

[English]

#### Sharavathi/Shimsha Shivanasamudram Hydel Project

2770. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation has sanctioned funds for repairs/modernisation of Sharavathi and Shimsha Shivanasamudram Hydel units in Karnataka during 1996-97;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) World Bank and Power Finance Corporation (PFC) have funded Renovation, Modernisation and Upgrading (RM and U) of Sharavathi Unit-1 to 8 (8x89.1 MW) and Sharavathi Unit-9 and 10 (2x89.1 MW) respectively. Karnataka Electricity Board has funded Renovation and Modernisation (R and M) for Shivasamudram (6x3 MW + 4x6 MW).

R and M of Shivasamudram project has already been completed. RM and U of Unit - 1,2,4,8,9 and 10 of Sharavathi has been completed. For Units, 3,4,5 and 7 Renovation and Upgrading has been completed and works relating to modernisation is in progress.

[Translation]

#### **Rural Management Institute**

2771. SHRI KACHRU BHAI RAUT : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Rural Management Institutes have been set up in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the names of the districts where they have been set up and the functions of the said institutes; and

(c) the criteria for selection of districts for setting up Rural Management Institutes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

[English]

#### **Modernisation of Power Projects by PFC and CEA**

2772. SHRI ANANTH KUMAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Power Finance Corporation and CEA have taken up a Crash Programme to help State Electricity Boards for upgrading capacities of the old power plants by suitable renovation and modernisation;

(b) if so, the total number of power plants which need renovation/modernisation, State-wise;

(c) whether feasibility studies for the purpose have been completed;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the action plan worked out for the current year and the target set for each State in general and Karnataka in particular; and

(f) the names of contractors who have been entrusted feasibility studies, plant-wise and financial support/incentives proposed to be provided to SEBs under the Programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (f) Power Finance Corporation has not taken up any crash programme for upgrading capacities of old power plants of State Electricity Boards. However, it is supporting the on-going R and M Phase-II programme formulated by the Central Electricity Authority being implemented by the SEB/State Governments during the 8th Plan period. This programme covers 44 power stations of the various power utilities. In order to extend the life of the old power stations which have served 20-30 years life by another 15-20 years, the Power Finance Corporation has also decided to provide financial assistance for carrying out life extension studies at concessional rates.

#### **IOC Refinery**

2773. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any scheme is under consideration of the Government for the expansion of the IOC refinery located in Mathura, U.P.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time likely to be taken by the Government for providing clearance to the above scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

#### **Unemployed Youth in Rural Areas**

2774. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the estimated number of unemployed in rural areas for whom the Ministry of Rural Development has been working out strategies for employment;

(b) the number of jobs generated during the current financial year;

(c) the amount allocated for the creation of such jobs;

(d) whether these programmes include employment creation for the educated rural unemployed; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The number of unemployed as estimated by NSSO in its 50th round